20250 Highway 26/287 P.O. Box 278 Moran, WY 83013

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Subject: Prospectus for Proposed Guided Bank Fishing Service

To: Prospective Applicants

There has been significant interest in guided day use bank fishing on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in recent years. We have determined the competitive interest is sufficient to justify development of a prospectus to solicit qualified applicants. If you are interested in obtaining a recreation special use permit to provide guided day use bank fishing, please review this prospectus, prepare an application addressing all of the items listed in the prospectus, and return the package to:

> Blackrock Ranger District; Attn: Linda Merigliano P.O. Box 278 Moran, WY 83013

Applications must be received by mail by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017. Applications may be hand-delivered to either the Blackrock or Jackson Ranger District offices. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

The area to be considered for offering this service is on the Blackrock Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest and includes segments of the Buffalo River, Spread Creek, Pacific Creek, and Blackrock Creek.

The proposal to authorize guided bank fishing via special use permits within this area is subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) procedures. This prospectus process serves solely to determine qualified applicants who will then share the cost of the environmental analysis. The environmental analysis will determine whether or not to authorize guided bank fishing and, if so, how much use will be authorized and under what conditions. Public comment will be sought in conjunction with the environmental analysis.

Each application received in response to this prospectus will be reviewed by an independent evaluation team from the Forest Service.

Please contact Linda Merigliano (e-mail: <a href="mailto:lmerigliano@fs.fed.us">lmerigliano@fs.fed.us</a>) (307-739-5428) or Todd Stiles (e-mail: tstiles01@fs.fed.us) (307-543-3910) at the Bridger-Teton National Forest, regarding questions related to the offering in this prospectus or other related submittal requirements.

TODD STILES District Ranger

Blackrock Ranger District

